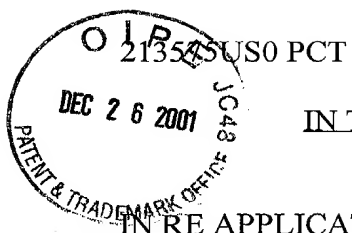


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Responsive to the Official Correspondence dated October 22, 2001, Applicants submit herewith a substitute Sequence Listing and a corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing. Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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